

# Regular Meeting

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| <b>Agenda Item #</b> | 6                                    |
| <b>Meeting Date</b>  | November 22, 2004                    |
| <b>Prepared By</b>   | Ilona Blanchard<br>Associate Planner |
| <b>Approved By</b>   | Barbara B. Matthews<br>City Manager  |

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| <b>Discussion Item</b> | Ordinance authorizing execution of contracts for Laurel Avenue Streetscape Project  |
| <b>Background</b>      | <p>On October 4, staff met with the Council to discuss the proposals received for the construction of the Laurel Avenue streetscape project, noting that bids ranged from \$197,500 to \$233,050. The timing and extent of the planned improvements were considered. The Council was advised that construction could be delayed until late winter or early spring without adversely affecting funding for planned projects.</p> <p>Following the worksession, the original specifications were reviewed by planning staff in partnership with the City Engineer. Revisions were made in the way the work was to be completed and some tasks were eliminated. These changes will not affect the appearance or configuration of the final project. Bids were also solicited for the provision of bollards and the provision and installation of landscaping. These bids were presented to the Council November 15.</p> <p>After further negotiation with the responsive bidders, the proposals were revised and costs adjusted accordingly. The final bids received by staff ranged from \$230,369 to \$173,789, with a cost difference of \$53,884 between the second lowest and the lowest bidder, E &amp; M Asphalt Maintenance, Inc.</p> <p>While all three bids submitted for bollards met the criteria outlined in the RFP, the bids ranged from \$21,746 to \$73,028, with a cost difference of \$12,978 between the second lowest and the lowest bidder, Reliance Foundry Co. Ltd.</p> <p>With respect to the two bids received in response to the request for proposals for landscaping, both bid prices were in a similar range, and are from companies that are very capable of providing the requested services. While one bid price is higher (\$12,487 versus \$9,102), Public Works staff has recommended the award of the contract to the higher bidder, Stadler Nurseries. This recommendation is based on their past experience with the firm whom they have found to provide a higher quality of service and plant material.</p> <p>The Council reviewed the bids received at its November 15 worksession.</p> |
| <b>Policy</b>          | 1. Enhance pedestrian and bicycle access to shops, transit, schools, and other  |

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|                              | <p>community facilities by improving pedestrian safety and providing wide, tree-lined sidewalks throughout the area.</p> <p>2. Support strengthening the streetscape from Takoma Junction to Old Town.</p> <p>3. Improve pedestrian connections and image from the Junction to Old Town to the Takoma Metro in the District of Columbia.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Takoma Park Master Plan</i></p>  |
| <b>Fiscal Impact</b>         | <p>A total of \$275,000 in State and County revitalization grant funds is available for the design, engineering and construction of this section of the Carroll Avenue Streetscape project. A majority of funds - \$240,057 - will be expended on Laurel Avenue. Additional funds will need to be secured to construct the section of the project between Eastern Avenue and Columbia Avenue.</p>  |
| <b>Attachments</b>           | <p>Ordinances authorizing City Manager to execute the following contracts in support of the Laurel Avenue Section of the Carroll Avenue Streetscape Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E &amp; M Asphalt Maintenance, Inc. to provide construction services (\$173,789)</li> <li>• Reliance Foundry Co. Ltd. to provide bollards (\$21,746)</li> <li>• Stadler Nurseries to provide landscaping materials / installation services (\$12,487)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Recommendation</b>        | <p>To approve the accompanying ordinances authorizing the execution of contracts required in the completion of the Laurel Avenue Streetscape Project</p>   |
| <b>Special Consideration</b> |  |

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance:

**Ordinance # 2004 –**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR  
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES WITH E & M ASPHALT MAINTENANCE, INC.  
FOR THE LAUREL AVENUE SECTION OF THE CARROLL AVENUE  
STREETSCAPE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has supported the Concept Plan for the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project; AND

**WHEREAS,** there has been substantial public involvement in the development of this plan;  
AND

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with City procurement procedures, staff solicited proposals for construction services for the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project and three proposals were received; AND

**WHEREAS,** the City has received grant funds from Montgomery County and the State of Maryland in the amount of \$275,000 for the design, engineering and implementation of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project of which Laurel Avenue is a section.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**SECTION 1.** The proposal received from E & M Asphalt Maintenance, Inc. to provide construction services for the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project, in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$173,788.80.), be accepted.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with E & M Asphalt Maintenance, Inc. for the construction of the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2004.

Voting For:

Voting Against:

Abstaining:

Absent:

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance:

**Ordinance # 2004 –**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF BOLLARDS WITH RELIANCE FOUNDRY, INC. FOR THE LAUREL AVENUE SECTION OF THE CARROLL AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has supported the Concept Plan for the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project; AND

**WHEREAS,** there has been substantial public involvement in the development of this plan; AND

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with City procurement procedures, staff solicited proposals for the provision of bollards for the Laurel Avenue median and three proposals were received; AND

**WHEREAS,** the City has received grant funds from Montgomery County and the State of Maryland in the amount of \$275,000 for the design, engineering and implementation of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project of which Laurel Avenue is a section.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**SECTION 1.** The proposal received from Reliance FOUNDRY, Inc. to provide bollards for the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project, in the amount of TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$21,745.50), be accepted.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Reliance Foundry, Inc. for the provision of bollards for the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2004.

Voting For:

Voting Against:

Abstaining:

Absent:

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance:

**Ordinance # 2004 –**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR  
LANDSCAPING SERVICES WITH STADLER NURSERIES  
FOR THE LAUREL AVENUE SECTION OF THE CARROLL AVENUE  
STREETSCAPE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has supported the Concept Plan for the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project; AND

**WHEREAS,** there has been substantial public involvement in the development of this plan;  
AND

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with City procurement procedures, staff solicited proposals for landscaping materials and installation for Laurel Avenue and two proposals were received; AND

**WHEREAS,** Stadler Nurseries, has been found to be the most responsive and responsible of the bidders; AND

**WHEREAS,** the City has received grant funds from Montgomery County and the State of Maryland in the amount of \$275,000 for the design, engineering and implementation of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project of which Laurel Avenue is a section.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**SECTION 1.** The proposal received from Stadler Nurseries to provide landscaping materials and installation services for the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project, in the amount of TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$12,487.00), be accepted.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Stadler Nurseries for the landscaping materials and installation services for the Laurel Avenue section of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2004.

Voting For:

Voting Against:

Abstaining:

Absent: